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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing 24 references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Dear Sir:

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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that were previously submitted in prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/153,912, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date. Therefore, according to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the references are not provided. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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